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SUBJ: FOREIGN TRADE--ORGANIZATIONAL AND PERSONNEL CHANGES

1. ROMANIA HAS REDUCED NUMBER OF FOREIGN TRADE ORGANIZATIONS (FTOS) BY ABOUT ONE FOURTH, IN LINE WITH CONTINUING STRESS ON CENTRALIZATION IN ECONOMY. FOURTEEN SMALLER FTOS WERE MERGED WITH LARGER ONES, AND A NEW FTO--ROMTEHNICA--WAS CREATED TO HANDLE FOREIGN SALES AND PURCHASES FOR DEFENSE MINISTRY. TOTAL IS NOW 45.

2. FOREIGN TRADE MINISTRY HAS GAINED SOME AUTHORITY AS RESULT OF CHANGES. IT RETAINS THE SIX FTOS IT ALREADY CONTROLLED AND PICKS UP TWO IMPORTANT NEW ONES: TEHNOIMPORTEXPOT, WHICH HANDLES WIDE RANGE OF SOPHISTICATED EQUIPMENT FROM AIRCRAFT TO LASERS, AND MINERALIMPORTEXPOT (ORES AND MINERALS). IN KEEPING WITH INCREASED IMPORTANCE, MFT NOW ALSO HAS TWO OFFICIALS WITH RANK OF MINISTER-STATE SECRETARY, NICOLAE NICOLAE AND NICOLAE IONESCU, WHO NOW HEADS DEPARTMENT (FORMERLY DIRECTORATE) OF INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION. IONESCU, WHO HAS CHEMICAL/PETROCHEMICAL BACKGROUND, LEAVES JOB AS VICE CHAIRMAN OF STATE PLANNING COMMITTEE. MFT NOW ALSO HAS A FIRST DEPUTY MINISTER,

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STEFAN NICOLAE, A CAREER MAN FROM AGRICULTURE MINISTRY.

(VIRTUALLY ENTIRE TEAM DEALING WITH US HAS BEEN DISPERSED IN RECENT MONTHS, INCLUDING DIRECTOR PETRE SIN AND HIS DEPUTY DUMITRU BUTNARU. SIN REPLACED BY PETRE CORMOS, AN MFT CAREERIST WITH LONG AFRICA EXPERIENCE, WHO IS NOW RESPONSIBLE FOR AFRICA, ASIA AND WESTERN HEMISPHERE. BUTNARU'S REPLACEMENT NOT YET NAMED).

3. FTO CONSOLIDATION REPRESENTS FURTHER SHRINKAGE IN NUMBER OF TRADE ORGANIZATIONS, WHICH AT ONE TIME NUMBERED ALMOST 100. SOME REDUCTIONS IN SUPPORTING STAFF WILL RESULT AND IN FACT ARE PART IN FOREIGN TRADE RETAIN OLD RESPONSIBILITIES WITH NEW ORGANIZATIONS. CONTRACT OBLIGATIONS OF FORMER FTOS WILL BE ASSUMED BY NEW FTO, AND WE HAVE BEEN ASSURED BY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE THAT CORRESPONDENCE WILL BE PROMPTLY FORWARDED. CHAMBER IS PREPARING NEW LIST OF FTOS IN ENGLISH, BUT FOR BEWT AND EWTC BRIEFING USE IN INTERIM HERE IS LIST OF AFFECTED FTOS.

FOREIGN TRADE ORGANIZATION	ABSORBED BY
NAVIMPEX	UZINEXPORTIMPORT
FIBREX AND AZOEXPORT	DANUBIANA
IMECO	CHIMIMPORTEEXPORT
PETROM	INDUSTRIALEXPORT
TRICOEXPORT AND CENTRALIMPEX	ROMANOEXPORT
STIREX AND IPIU	ROMSIT
LACTOEXPORT	PRODEXPORT
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